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PETITION TO WITHDRAW FROM ISSUE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.313

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for the withdrawal from issue of U.S. patent application Serial No. 10/043,739 ("the '739 application") under 37 CFR 1.313(b)(5) in order to permit the consideration of an Information Disclosure Statement Under Section 1.97 in a continuing application.

The issue fee for the above-identified application was paid by the certificate of mail procedure on August 17, 2004. Applicants received from the Japanese Patent Office for a corresponding foreign application an Office Action listing several references. Applicants desire to have the references cited in the Japanese Office Action considered by the Patent Office and hereby petitions for the withdrawal from issuance of the '739 patent application in order for Applicants to file an RCE (copy of transmittal attached) under 37 CFR § 1.53. Applicants authorize the deduction of the petition fee of \$130 to be withdrawn from Deposit Account 23-1925 as specified under 37 CFR § 1.17(i). A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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